

The Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club

GROUND WAVE

Repeater Frequencies 147.00MHz & 444.075MHz
Club Net: Sunday 7PM 147.00MHz

Web Page <http://w8pif.com>



Officers:

President: Jim Callow K8IR
Vice President: Pete Johnson AB9PJ
Treasurer: Mike Lemke KD8FUE
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The MMARC Newsletter

December 2010

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

ATTENTION: READ BELOW FOR IMPORTANT MEETING PLACE AND TIME INFORMATION!

CLUB CALENDAR...

December 11th Christmas Party
January 13th Club Meeting

CLUB MEETINGS...

We will have no regular meeting in December. With Spies Library closed for Veterans Day, we held our November meeting at NWTC in Marinette. We found the facility excellent, especially the Audio/Visual system, and have decided to hold future meetings at NWTC. The club also decided to go back to a 7PM start time. Pete, AB9PJ has secured the rooms for the rest of the year. Here is the schedule:

DATE ROOM

Jan 13th 129
Feb 10th 310
Mar 10th 310
Apr 14th 128
May 12th 127

Remember, we're going back to a 7:00PM start time in January.

Anyone with a program they would like to present at a future meeting, please let K8IR know.

CHRISTMAS PARTY...

A reminder about the Christmas Party coming up Saturday December 11th at 6pm at the First United Methodist Church 813 Owena Street in Marinette (west of Park School). Mike KD8FUE will prepare a ham dinner with all the fixings. The cost will \$7.50 a person. If you have not yet sent in your reservations, let Mike know at 906-863-7756. We'll have White Elephant gift exchange, Everyone attending should bring a wrapped gift to exchange. Please find something around the shack or house that you would like to part with (i.e. unload on someone else), the more humorous the better.

DUES ...

A reminder dues for 2010-2011 are payable by December 31st. The rates remain the same, \$18 for individuals, \$27.00 for families, and \$9.00 for students. Dues can be paid at the Christmas Party, or sent to P.O. Box 1082, Marinette, WI 54143. Thanks to those who have already paid.

REPEATER UPDATE...

The 147.000 repeater is completely back on our regular antenna at 410' Pete AB9PJ and Rick K9RIC from Appleton spent about 3 hours at the site on November 20th. Rick had his test gear with him and thoroughly checked over the duplexer and repeater. He found no problems with either. The duplexer was within factory specs. Rick did hear our "hollow echoey" noise which he recognized from another Kenwood repeater he takes care of in Appleton. The problem is likely a digital signal mixing product coming into the repeater. The tone encode on the repeater transmit was disabled, and this seems to have taken care of that problem.

With the repeater encode off, be sure you have the tone decode turned off on your receiver, otherwise you'll see the signal on your S-meter, but hear nothing. You'll still need the tone encode on your transmit (107.2Hz) to get into the repeater.

By all reports, the repeater has been operating fine since the inspection.

YOUNG HAMS...

Young hams are very important. All of us who enjoy ham radio should try and share the joy of our hobby with others. especially the youth. Do your part to make sure that Amateur Radio will be just as great a hobby, if not better, in the future.

You may ask: How do I do this? Many hams have kids, grand kids, nieces, nephews, and neighbors. Try and get them interested in ham radio. An easy way of doing this is by getting them on the EYR Echolink Youth Roundtable or the Sunday evening "Kandy Net."

You do not want our youth (kids/teens) to think that ham radio is only made up of an older crowd. There are over 15 licensed youth in our immediate area, although, unfortunately, many of them are no longer active on the air. Can we get some of them back? If you know a young ham who has not been on the air recently, try and reinvigorate their interest.

The **EYR Echolink Youth Roundtable** or net is held every Friday evening at 8pm on the M&M ARC club repeater 147.000. The repeater is also connected with Echolink and is open to any youth or ham worldwide. Our node number is 481872, and can be accessed by anyone with those capabilities. Youth, the future of ham radio.

Thanks
Ed Engleman KG8CX

CLOSING THOUGHTS...

I worked the CQWW DX contest last weekend. Things are getting better on 15 and 10, but we sure need a few more sunspots in 2011. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year...

Jim
K8IR

- M & M Amateur Radio Club Meeting. 10-14-2010
- 6pm The Club Meeting is called to order. The Club President led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The membership discussed their radio related activities/projects since the last meeting.
- Secretary's Report: Approved by the membership as printed.
- Treasure's Report: Approved as printed in the Ground Wave.
- Communications: The ARRL Michigan Report listed our clubs election results. The Club President read a letter from Menominee Catholic Central thanking members for their help with the Septembers 11th Run.
- Net Report: KG8CX reported that turn out was low due to repeater problems. The 147.000 repeater has been plagued with noise problems. Trouble shooting has been difficult. Indications are pointing to a de-sense problem in the duplexer. K8IR and AB9PJ hosted an in depth very technical discussion with the membership regarding the problems with the 147.000 repeater. The 440.000 machine has been performing well.
- DAR Report: KG8CX reported that echo-link has become very popular with students. The roof concerns that were expressed by the Dar Director were discussed. The membership thought that tower construction should be delayed until spring due to scheduling concerns and deteriorating weather conditions.
- HAT Team: AB9PJ reported that the HAT team climbed the WDOR tower September 26th. Removed unused hardware. The Coast Guard antenna is in need of repair. Lots of tightening of fasteners required. Pete reported that The Bay Area Medical Center is close to having an operational emergency radio room. Two radios will be available to cover VHF, UHF, and the high frequency bands.
- QCWA. Report: Next meeting date is October 30th. Information has not been finalized.
- Youth Representative: Nothing new to report at this time.
- Oconto Fly-in: A brief discussion among the membership took place. Mark was not present at this meeting.
- 2010 Club Activities: K8IR asked the Membership what type of activities they would like during this next year? A group discussion ensued, many options were on the floor; less formal gatherings, fish fry's at little river and Best Western. The question was asked is a charter night required every year. After much discussion the membership decided that this years Christmas party would be different. KD8FUE volunteered to do the cooking. Mike is going to check on possible dates. More information will be forthcoming shortly.
- The November 11th meeting will be held at NWTC in Marinette at 6pm.
- Members Present:

K8IR	AB9PJ	K9GGV	N5FVM	AB9QC	WD8OSE
W9SGD	WC9E	KC9FKE	KD8FUE	N8OQU	N0AWM
kG8CX	KD8ESH				
- A motion for adjournment was made by WD8OSE, this motion was supported by N0AWM. Motion passed at 8pm 10-14-2010.
- Submitted by KD8ESH.

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